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Through the Looking-Glass of University Governance

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■ WESTERN UNIVERSITY

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Kevin Godbout, president, Society of Graduate Students



Western University president Amit Chakma listens as his fate unfolds Friday at a university meeting. At right, a campus police officer takes a sign from a protester after a motion of non-confidence was struck down.



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The London Free Press

Western University president Amit Chakma emerged from a pivotal senate vote Friday intact but wounded with a significant number of faculty calling for him to resign.

Just under half the senate stood behind Chakma despite questions about his leadership and pay that vaulted the school into controversy.

But they did not do so without misgivings. Among 49 sen-

ators who opposed a non-confidence motion, the highly visible dean of its medical school, Michael Strong, is angry Chakma took double pay last year and deeply concerned the university had become a divisive place where money disproportionately flows to those researching science, technology, engineering and mathematics, while others go without.

"We share in the anger and frustration," Strong said. "We have a broken system. A university that is moving into haves and

have nots."

Even stronger concerns were raised by the 30 senators who voted for the non-confidence motion and five more who abstained — a group a faculty leader says included deans.

How can Chakma seek funding at Queen's Park when he's become the public face of wasteful spending, asked Chris Brown, a classical studies professor. How can Chakma preside over a convocation of students where each receives a diploma?

"Are we going to ask our stu-

dents to kneel before a man who has become a symbol of greed and entitlement?" Brown said.

Sen's Chakma, president of the Society of Graduate Students, said Chakma's supporters shouldn't consider the vote an endorsement of his leadership.

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What Chakma thought of the debate, the result or his future isn't known. As soon as the meeting at the Ivy School of Business

ended, he left through a side door away from faculty, staff and teachers and toward a waiting elevator not even turning when a television reporter asked the lead "anything to say." "Nothing," Chakma said. "No."

But with so many senators voting against him or abstaining, Chakma may not have enough support to stay, associate professor Mark McDwyer said. He might possibly want to think about the kind of moral sus-

tion he now has over this university and the type of support he has going forward."

The head of Western's faculty association thinks he should resign. "The right thing for Dr. Chakma to do now would be to step aside on his own volition," said Sharon Hearn, faculty association president.

For the good of Western, Chakma should announce as soon as possible if he intends to stay or go, Hearn said.

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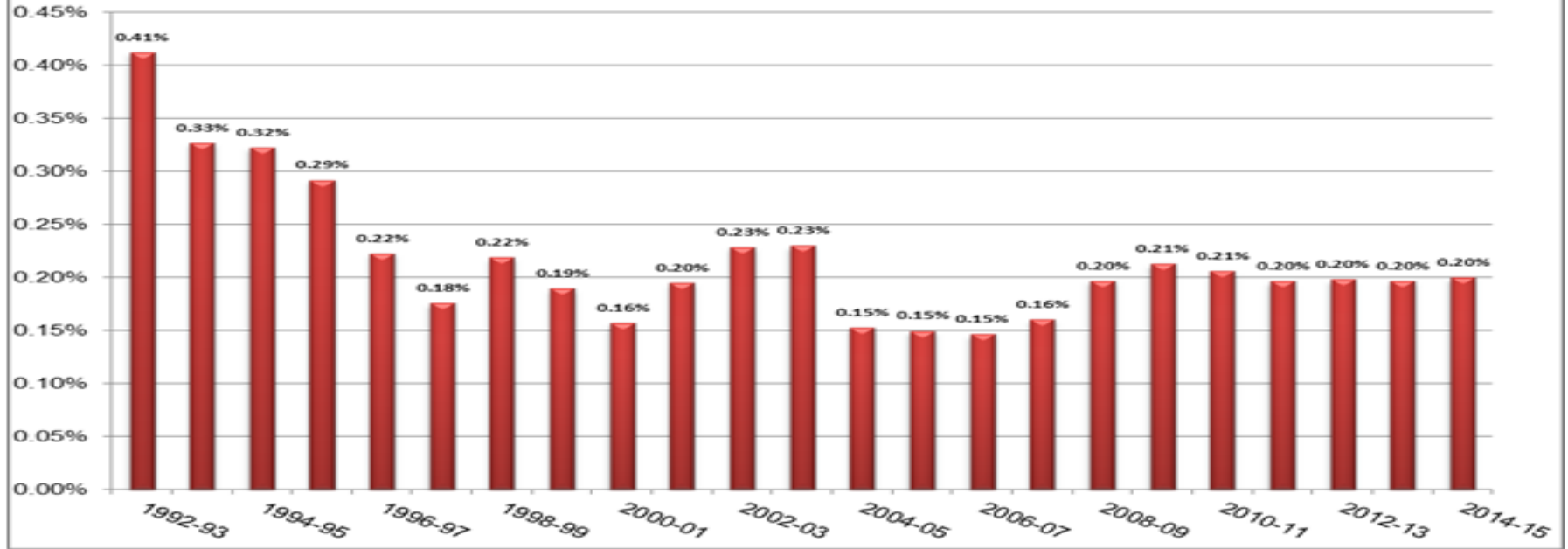


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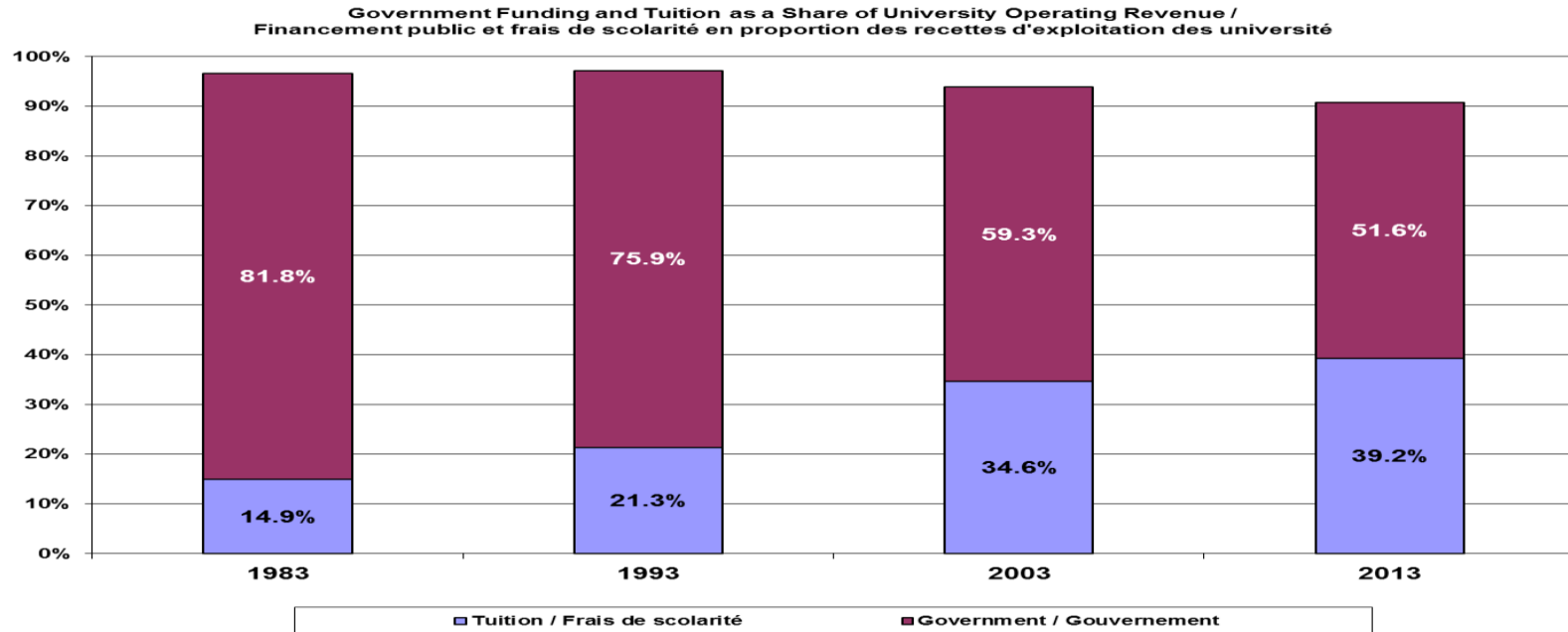
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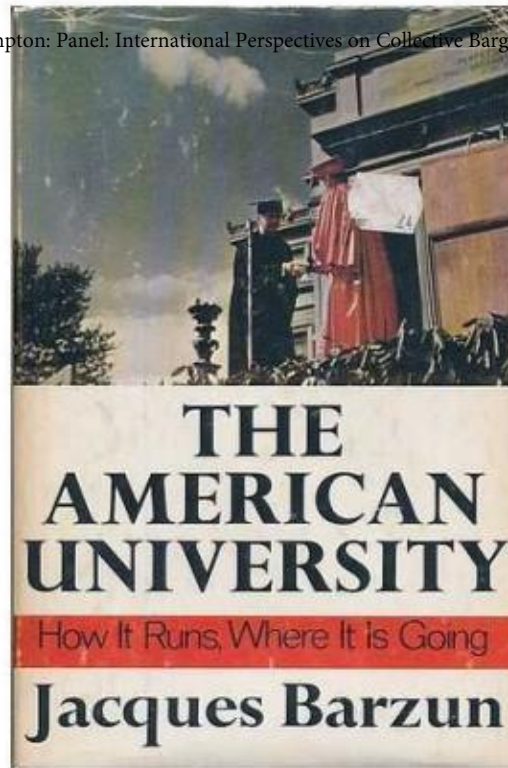


Tuition fee revenues increasingly replace government funding



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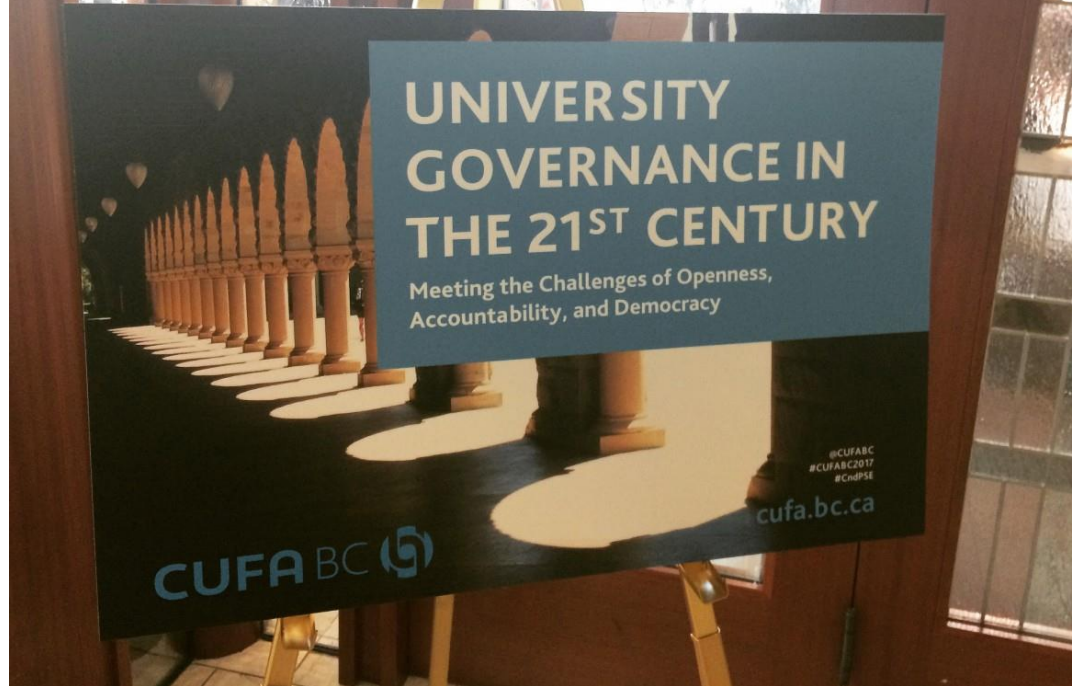


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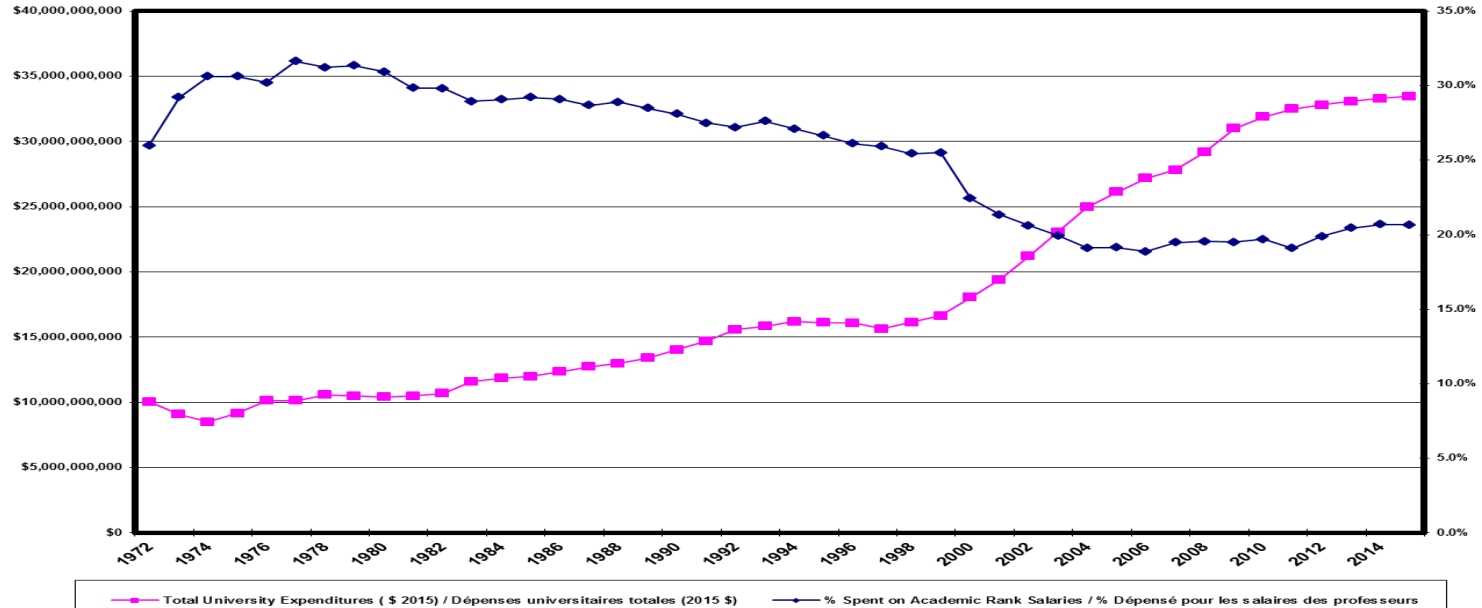


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Salary expenditures are not the culprit

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